

BEAR ACES'

Ballet

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The flight deck of USS Theodore Roosevelt is a virtual ballet of Sailors wearing various colored jerseys, all running around to accomplish a specific mission in the midst of the controlled chaos of launching and recovering aircraft. Sailors assigned to the "Bear Aces" of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 124 are no exception to this rule. From carrying out regularly scheduled maintenance to fueling the E-2C Hawkeye before a mission, these Sailors are a vital asset to the Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 8 mission.

- 1.) Aviation Structural Mechanic Airman Apprentice Alyssa Lemay of the "Bear Aces" of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 124 carries a PON-6 servicing pre-oiler in preparation for performing maintenance on an E-2C Hawkeye.
- 2.) Bear Aces Sailors prepare an E-2C Hawkeye for launch from the flight deck of USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71).
- 3.) An aircraft handler directs an E-2C Hawkeye on the flight deck in preparation for its launch.
- 4.) Chief Aviation Structural Mechanic Jeremiah Johnston communicates over a headset radio prior to launching an E-2C Hawkeye.



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